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- 1. About 32 mines are being exploited in the Jachynov area. Some of the older mines are no longer being exploited, but ore which was previously considered unproductive and which had been dursed on waste heaps is now being removed to the processing plants. At the end of December 1948 the Bratrstvi mine produced a boulder weighing approximately .15 ton of pure uranium. Miners declared that this will not even have to be processed. Clay containing 15-20 percent uranium ore is being mined at the Elies mine, which is an oven rine.
- 2. The larger processing plant is connected with two of the mines by means of a series of conveyor belt. The smaller processing plant, which lies about kilometers north of the former tobacco factory in Jachymov, processes clay which is received from the Elias mine at a rate of forty-five tons per day, including Sundays.
- 3. Trains carrying uranium ore are not only directed to Cop-Cierna but also to Dresden in Germany. The trains are made up of as many as 120 cars having an average load of ten tons per car.
- 4. By the month of May 1949 about fifth 10-ton trucks are expected to be running between Jachymov and Cop-Cierna, where the ore is transshipped. The condition of the truck is at present very poor and extra trucks must be constantly be provided by the Czechoslovak State Railroads (CDS). Vital spare parts are not available for the trucks and only about 60 per cent of the trucks are in serviceable condition. The trucks are convoyed from the processing plant to the station along a road which is guarded by Russian troops.
- 5. A minor's school was established soveral months ago in the vicinity of the uranium minos.
- 6. The total number of employees at the Jackyrov mines varies between 15,000 and 20,000. A new arrival of German workers is expected.

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